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## TODAY

### Calendar

#### Challah for Hunger

Challah for Hunger is a campus organization that raises awareness about and funds for the situation in Darfur through the baking and selling of challah bread. Help make and braid the challah dough that will be baked and sold on Wednesday. They start at 3:30 p.m. on 2105 San Antonio St.

#### Beethoven's 'Pastorale'

The University Orchestra presents its first concert of the semester, featuring Butler School of Music student Paul Blackstone in a performance of Richard Strauss' vibrant "Horn Concerto No. 1," and other pieces. The performance is tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Bates Recital Hall.

### Today in history

#### In 1953

Cambridge scientists James Watson and Frances Crick announce their discovery of the double helix structure of DNA.

Quote to note

"I love the competition ... People always ask me 'What are you doing? They already have good running backs.' But you know what? I don't care. I love competition."

— Kyle Hicks  
UT Commit  
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### 9 p.m. Videogame Hour Live

Tonight's episode features trailers of Alan Wake's "American Nightmare," "Mass Effect 3" and the dubstep-heavy "Borderlands 2." VGHL also has a classic review of "Baiten Katios" and a review of "Rocksmith." Beware fellow Americans, as live VGHL is playing Alan Wake's "American Nightmare."

## Molecule's discovery could lead to HIV cure

By Hannah Jane DeCutiis  
Daily Texan Staff

Chemists from the University have developed a DNA-targeting molecule that could change the future of treating genetic conditions such as HIV.

The molecule is able to bind to

specific DNA sequences by threading itself through the DNA double helix and was reported to have the longest dissociation half-life reported to date, according to the report. The study outlining the process of developing the molecule was released Sept. 25, 2011.

The ability to combat disorders

at the DNA level is an important step in finding cures, said contributing author Brent Iverson, professor and chair in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

"The AIDS genetic information is encoded into the cells of the patient," Iverson said. "To be able to truly attack that, you have to go

after the DNA itself. Long term, you're trying to create therapies that modulate what happens with DNA. You're basically attacking the problem at its source."

The next step is to continue trying to extend the amount of time the molecule is bonded to the DNA,

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Brent Iverson

Professor and Chair of Chemistry and Biochemistry Department

## Sugar Mama's business boom leads to expansion



Marisa Vasquez | Daily Texan Staff

UT alumna and baker Carla Finley cuts out heart-shaped sugar cookies in the kitchen of Sugar Mama's Bakeshop Saturday morning. Finley begins baking at 5 a.m. five days a week to prepare for the shop's 11 a.m. opening.

## Tower burns orange after 75th birthday

By David Maly  
Daily Texan Staff

For the first time since its construction 75 years ago, the UT Tower shone bright orange Monday night in honor of itself.

UT community members celebrated the Tower's birthday Monday to honor the 75th anniversary of its original commencement ceremony. The Tower is an iconic UT landmark and, at 27 stories, by far the tallest building on campus. Events to commemorate the occasion included an architectural exhibit, a historical tour of the Tower and the distribution of 800 pieces of birthday cake in the West Mall area.

Texas Exes, UT's official alumni group, funded the event. Matt Portillo, music and rhetoric and writing senior and the co-chair of the Texas Exes Spirit and Tradition Council, said the event was a great way to cele-



Shannon Kinter | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore Jannah Dies, left, and junior Alysse Fisher slice pieces of cake for the Tower's 75th anniversary celebration.

brate something that everyone at UT has experience with.

"Everybody loves the Tower," he said. "It's fun when we have the opportunity to celebrate something

we all like."

Jim Nicar, director of the Texas UT Heritage Society, the historical association for the University, said the Tower has a long history of serving the

campus and the greater community.

"It was originally built, in part, from \$1.5 million in governmental

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## UT failed to communicate in resignation, Hegarty says

By Kayla Jonsson  
Daily Texan Staff

Kevin Hegarty, University vice president and chief financial officer, admitted Monday to a "flat out failure" in communication between the University and Texas Student Media Board of Trustees prior to former TSM director Gary Borders' Feb. 8 resignation.

Hegarty, who was appointed to replace outgoing Vice President of Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez in dealing with the matter of Borders' resignation, discussed the situation during an emergency TSM board meeting, on Monday.

"There was a failure in communication not just between the University and the TSM Board of Trustees, but it sounds like there was also a failure between the trustees [not involved] and the trustees involved," Hegarty said. "There was a flat-out failure in communication."

During the meeting, the board met with Hegarty and Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Jennifer Hammat to discuss events leading to the resignation, which Borders said was forced by Gonzalez because of his proposal suggesting the sale of the broadcast licenses of TSTV and KVRX as one option to balance the TSM budget.

Gonzalez and Hammat began discussing Borders' termination on Jan. 25 because of their dissatisfaction with his leadership and lack of clarity and direction in his budget setting plans.

TSM board president Lindsey Powers said board members were not notified about the vice president's office's dissatisfaction with Borders' performance or his proposal to sell TSTV and KVRX.

The TSM Board of Trustees and the Office of Student Affairs jointly oversee TSM decisions, and Powers said many TSM Board members are frustrated that a proposal was discussed without their knowledge, after which Borders was allegedly forced to resign without consulting the TSM board.

"I understand decisions like this require an official discussion, but that's why we have meetings," Powers said. "If there are any issues that need to be brought up,

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## Trail of Lights schedules a comeback

By Hannah Jane DeCutiis  
Daily Texan Staff

Austin's beloved holiday tradition, the Trail of Lights, will return this December after a two-year hiatus due to lack of funding.

The Trail of Lights, an event held every December in Zilker Park since 1967, will be returning this year thanks to a partnership between the City of Austin and the RunTex Foundation. An elaborate display of lights set up along the park's running trail leads visitors to the Zilker Holiday Tree, which is one of Aus-

tin's moonlight towers decorated with 39 strands of lights to form the 155-foot tree structure, according to the city of Austin's website. City budget cuts made it impossible to support the event last year, and RunTex looks forward to being part of bringing it back, said founder and CEO Paul Carrozza.

"We'll be working in collaboration with the city, finding local sponsors and having it benefit local charities like our normal model," Carrozza said. The trail was canceled again in 2011, even after attempts to find other marketing companies to raise

money for the event.

"There was a company called [BrightBlue Marketing, Inc.] that had a contract for last year," Carrozza said. "They weren't able to raise the funds necessary to make the full Trail of Lights happen, and so we started the conversation that if it did become available, we'd be interested in taking it on as well."

Carrozza said the RunTex Foundation plans to bring back many elements of the trail that were lost in the years leading up to its

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Lighting technician Clay Eads arranges part the Trail of Lights display in 2008, the last year the event was fully operational.



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Events surrounding Gary Borders' resignation

Information compiled during reports at Monday's TSM Board meeting.

**June 20, 2011**  
Gary Borders began employment as Texas Student Media director with the understanding that his main priority was to draft a balanced budget.

**Nov. 30, 2011**  
Borders delivered an assessment of TSM which focused mostly on the sale of the TSTV and KVRX broadcast licenses.

**Jan. 10, 2012**  
Borders submitted a second review of TSM which presented many of the same ideas as the Nov. 30 document but added data and rationale for the recommendations.

**Feb. 8, 2012**  
Gonzalez and Hammat informed Borders they were prepared to take the actions necessary to terminate Borders' employment with the University. Borders verbally resigned during the meeting.

**Feb. 16, 2012**  
Borders publicly announced his resignation was forced.

**Feb. 19, 2012**  
Kevin Hegarty, University vice president and chief financial officer, was appointed to replace Gonzalez in dealing with the issue.

**Feb. 27, 2012**  
TSM board held a meeting to discuss details leading to Borders' resignation and to make plans to select an acting TSM director.

**March 5, 2012**  
Letter of interest and resume due from interested applicants to serve as acting TSM director.

**March 7, 2012**  
TSM board will meet to appoint acting director.

**March 19, 2012**  
TSM board will meet to set TSM budget.

**June 2011 – November 2011**  
Vice President of Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez and Associate Vice President Jennifer Hammat became increasingly concerned about the leadership abilities of Borders to produce a balanced budget, according to University records.

**Dec. 6, 2011**  
Hammat issued a letter to Borders again requesting he provide a comprehensive budget plan.

**Jan. 25, 2012**  
Gonzalez instructed Hammat to take the necessary actions to provide "stable, reliable and professional leadership to TSM," including taking the necessary steps to seek the termination of Borders.

Graphic by Simonetta Nietto | Daily Texan Staff

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they need to be brought up immediately at the meeting so we know what to expect. We need to get that information out there."

KVRX station manager Trav-

is Bubenik said it is imperative that students have a say in an enterprise which claims to be run by students in its title.

"I want to stress that the desire for full communication extends from our vice president's office all the way down to our offices and our staff," Bubenik said. "It's TSM for Texas Student Media so

I do think it's important that these kinds of ideas should be talked about and discussed at board meetings, especially because they will be affecting us."

Hammat said there was a lack of communication because she and Gonzalez gave Borders a day to make a decision to resign or be terminated, so they were unprepared

when he resigned during the meeting. Hammat said the quick decision left no time to inform the TSM Board.

"I'm sorry we didn't hold a meeting [with the TSM Board]," Hammat said. "That was my mistake. When we held the meeting with Gary on Feb. 8, I genuinely believed we were going to have a meeting

the next day. In situations like this, people do not usually make a decision to resign so quickly, so we were caught off guard."

A TSM Board meeting is scheduled for March 7 to appoint an acting TSM director who will fill the position until a permanent director is hired. The board will set its next budget at a March 19 meeting.

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funding approved through the Works Progress Administration, an organization created under the New Deal," he said. "The building of the Tower put many to work during a time of national difficulty and led to the creation of a large new library at UT."

Today the Tower serves as home to various core administrative offices, libraries, classrooms and the bells that sound across campus

quarter hourly. It is a landmark for visitors to UT and the Austin area. It is also used to commemorate the victories and triumphs of the University community, from national athletic championships to graduation ceremonies, said Tower building manager, Twiggy Aguilera.

The original architect for the Tower, Paul Cret, intended the Tower to represent what the University stands for, Nicar said.

"He purposely put the Tower on top of the hill and made it much higher than any other building on campus," he said. "Cret wanted the Tower to be what people thought of when

they thought about UT."

Spanish junior Andrew Conger said the Tower serves the University on two useful levels.

"Not only is it something that makes it really easy to navigate campus, but it symbolizes UT," he said. "It's just a shining beacon of awesomeness."

The original vision of the Tower coming to represent the University has come to fruition, said advertising senior Erica Flores.

"When you think of UT, you think of the Tower," she said. "It is a symbol of campus tradition, unity and everything that makes UT great."

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cancellation, including the Trail of Lights 5K, horse and carriage rides and a parade for city VIPs and sponsors.

"Our initial goal is to bring it back to the level it was at in 2007 or 2008, where it was the full Trail of Lights," Carrozza said.

The trail has been free to the public in past years, which the RunTex Foundation hopes to continue this year, he said.

"If the council approves the final negotiation of the contract, we will go into fundraising mode to create the dollars from the community so that it's free to the citizens of Austin,"

Carrozza said.


Carrozza said the RunTex Foundation plans to continue funding the trail in future years in honor of its tradition and importance in the community.

"It was one of the Austin traditions that we participated in as a family and as a company," Carrozza said. "It was one of those things where we just felt strongly about being part of a team that brings it back. We want to bring it back and keep it going."

The cancellation of the trail in 2010 and 2011 was especially disappointing to Austin natives, said Plan II sophomore Mary Bryce.

"When [the trail] was canceled, I was absolutely crestfallen," Bryce said. "I'm overjoyed that it's coming back. The tree is my favorite."

STUDENT GOVERNMENT



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In an attempt to gain a broader understanding of student opinion, Student Government has provided the following questions. We encourage you to review the summary provided below.

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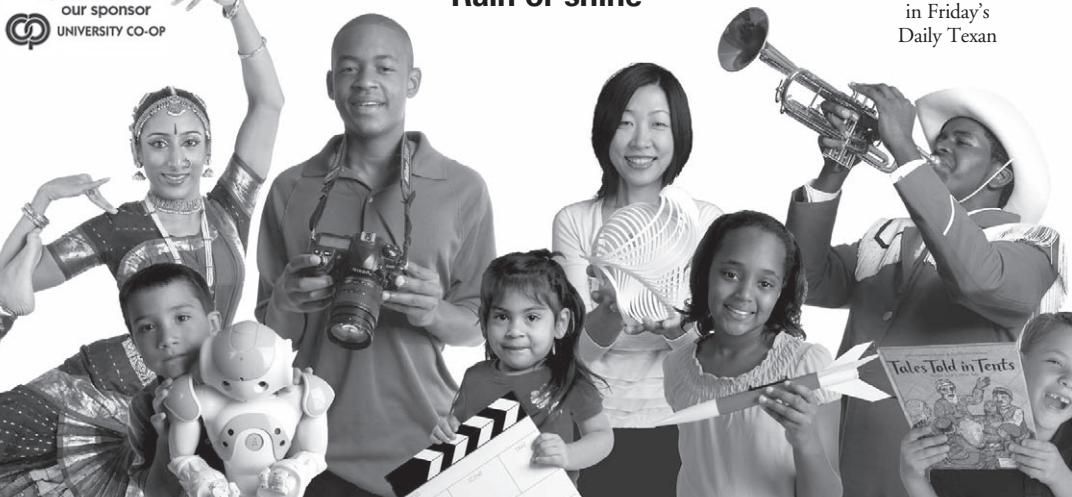
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Iverson said.

"Sixteen days isn't enough," Iverson said. "The important thing is to be able to interact with the DNA for a long period of time. You don't want to treat people for an hour. You have to treat them over a long period of time."

Interest in finding a molecule that targets DNA has been a subject of interest in the scientific community for many years, said Amy Rhoden Smith, chemistry graduate student and contributing author to the study.

"It started quite a few years ago," Rhoden Smith said. "Basically we've made a molecule that can wind itself around the DNA the way a snake might climb a ladder. The thing that made the paper so interesting was once the molecule finds its binding site, it takes an incredibly long time for it to be able to come back out."

The molecule was reported to have a dissociation half-life of 16 days, she said. Development of a molecule with the capability to target DNA sequences and bind to them for such a long period of time is a significant achievement, Rhoden Smith said.

"With this type of study we showed that we can make a molecule that will sit and stay there tightly in biological time frames that are very significant," Rhoden Smith said. "A lot can happen in 16 days with cell reproduction, etcetera. This type of therapy can work in the future."

The long-term goal of the molecule is to find potential cures for genetic disorders, including HIV, she said.

Biochemistry senior Joshua Hays said he believes the development of the molecule will help treat some disorders faster than other vaccines.

"I've heard about the research targeting HIV DNA, and how it activates the replication of the virus," Hays said. "It seems like good research."

Iverson said although the development of the molecule is a positive accomplishment, there is still much to be done.

"It's really premature to really talk about its impact," Iverson said. "It's one milestone among many. There are a whole lot of things that have to fall into place before this has a significant effect. We're not even almost there, but we have taken an important step."





Asian bighead carp swim in an exhibit at Chicago's Shedd Aquarium. Officials said the Obama administration will spend about \$50 million this year to shield the Great Lakes from greedy Asian carp.

# Court rejects emergency carp measures

By John Flesher  
The Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — The U.S. Supreme Court refused Monday to order emergency measures that might prevent Asian carp from reaching the Great Lakes, despite a warning that the exotic fish pose a “dire threat” to the region’s environment and economy.

Michigan and four neighboring states wanted the Army Corps of Engineers to install nets in two Chicago-area rivers and to expedite a study of permanent steps to head off an invasion by bighead and silver carp, which have advanced up the Mississippi River and its tributaries to within 55 miles of Lake Michigan. Scientists say if the large, prolific carp spread widely in the lakes, they could starve out native species and devastate the \$7 billion fishing industry.

The justices’ ruling, which was issued without comment, was their fourth rejection of pleas by the states for interim steps — including

closure of navigational locks in the Chicago waterways — while their lawsuit against the corps is pending in a federal district court.

“It is our duty to aggressively fight to protect the Great Lakes from invasive species,” Michigan Attorney Bill Schuette said. “So while I’m disappointed, we will continue forward on all fronts.”

Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio and Pennsylvania have joined Michigan in demanding faster action against the carp, which eat vast amounts of tiny plants and animals at the base of the food chain.

The Corps of Engineers says it will complete in 2015 a study of ways to prevent migration of fish and other species between the Great Lakes and Mississippi watersheds.

They advocate placing barriers in Chicago-area waterways to cut a link between the watersheds created more than a century ago when engineers reversed the flow of the Chicago River to flush the city’s sewage toward the Mississippi. A recent report by groups

representing Great Lakes states and cities proposed three methods for doing so, with estimated costs as high as \$9.5 billion.

Because permanent separation could take nearly two decades to complete, the states are suing for short-term actions. Their petition to the high court requested installation of block nets in the Little Calumet and Grand Calumet rivers along with quicker completion of the corps study.

Federal officials say the nets would do more harm than good and the study timetable is necessary because of its complexity.

The Obama administration has devoted more than \$100 million to shielding the lakes from the carp and recently announced plans to spend \$51.5 million this year. Plans include operating and monitoring an electric fish barrier near Chicago, stepped-up commercial fishing in the area, and field testing new strategies such as high-pressure underwater guns and pheromones that could lure carp into lethal traps.

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**By Susannah Jacob**  
Candidate for Daily Texan Editor

This month, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear Abigail Fisher’s challenge of UT’s undergraduate admissions policy. Fisher objects to UT’s consideration of the race for applicants who fail to gain automatic acceptance through the top 10 percent rule. By doing so, Fisher alleges UT violates her Constitutional rights to equal protection.

A 21-year-old white woman, Fisher, now a senior at Louisiana State University, applied unsuccessfully to UT in 2008. Then, as a Sugarland high school student, she earned a grade point average that put her in the top 11 percent of her class.

When the court hears the Fisher case in November, UT and its admissions policy will come under national scrutiny. The court will evaluate the intricacies of how UT students gain admission. Because the Fisher case will reflect on UT students, they should know the following:

\*Fisher contends UT discriminates against Asians and white applicants, who are not underrepresented minorities and therefore have less of a chance of admission than non-top 10 percent applicants who are black, Hispanic or Native American.

\*Fisher has not asserted a class action claim so she is asking the court to determine what damages only she, as an applicant in 2008, suffered, not what all the rejected UT applicants in subsequent years have suffered; Rachel Michalewicz, another rejected UT applicant, who initially filed the complaint as a co-plaintiff with Fisher, dropped out of the litigation.

\*UT contends all that Fisher should gain if she prevails: the \$100 housing deposit and application fees she paid.

\*Fisher alleges she lost more including in-state tuition discounts as well as her constitutional rights.

\* A 2003 Supreme Court case remains key to understanding the Fisher arguments. In that case, the court ruled against Barbara Grutter, a white wom-

an denied admission into University of Michigan Law School. In that decision, the court approved limited use of race in admissions to “further a compelling interest in obtaining the educational benefits that flow from a diverse student body.” In response, UT began in 2004 to use race in its admission considerations of non-top 10 percent students like Fisher.

Long before Fisher though, UT, race and admission policies drew national attention. In 1940s, the UT School of Law denied Heman Sweatt admission because he was black. When Sweatt sued, alleging that UT failed to provide equal facilities (at the time there was no black law school at the University), UT hurried to open a black law school in Houston to meet Sweatt’s demands. But the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled in 1946 that the newly created law school was unequal to UT’s.

Fifty years later, the Supreme Court refused to overturn a lower court’s ruling in favor of Cheryl Hopwood, a white woman who alleged that affirmative action policies the UT School of Law violated her constitutional rights. By doing so, the court effectively barred what was then UT’s affirmative-action practices. In response, to maintain and achieve further diversity on campus, the Texas State Legislature passed in 2007 the Top 10 Percent law.

Throughout that history, UT students have voiced their views about the courts, race and admissions. During the Sweatt trial, then UT student body president Jim Smith led some 2,000 who gathered to protest the black man’s rejection. Supporters of UT’s discriminatory policy had predicted that white law school students would ostracize Sweatt if he gained admission. But Smith told the crowd, “Heman Sweatt is my friend now, and he will be my friend after he is admitted to the University of Texas!”

Will UT students again gather on the mall en masse? Will chants support Fisher or UT? Either way, take time to understand the nuances of the questions the Fisher case poses.

*Jacob is a history junior.*

## Graduation without substantiation

**By Shabab Siddiqui**  
Candidate for Daily Texan Editor

Much has been said about graduation rates after the University released its highly anticipated and oddly celebrated report from the Task Force on Undergraduate Graduation Rates last week.

President William Powers Jr. assembled the task force in July and Randy Diehl, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, chaired it. Undergraduate students comprised four of the 14 members of the group.

The report’s two-pronged approach essentially advocates increasing various forms of support associated with improving time to graduation, such as advising, tracking and mentoring. Meanwhile the report advocates implementing various limitations associated with decreasing time to graduation, such as making it more difficult to change majors and enforcing the now-infamous “slacker rule,” which would charge out-of-state tuition to students who stay too long.

The report implicitly divides students into two groups. The first are students who are the victims of the state’s tradition to continue underserving the under-served. This group may include individuals who are low-income, minority, first-generation, married and many others who come to the University at a social, financial or academic disadvantage and are left to fend for themselves. Increasing resources to support these individuals can have a very positive net benefit to UT and its graduation rates.

However, the second group includes all other students, and the report’s unfortunate use of the word “slacker” plasters all eight-plus-semester students into popular culture like one of Taylor Swift’s ex-boyfriends. And while the rule itself only applies to a small subgroup of students, it implies a broad culture of campus-wide apathy and academic deficiency.

But a closer look presents plenty of examples of to adore among the more-than-four.

The report features a deftly calculated table that estimates the effects of students’ backgrounds and characteristics in determining their likelihood to graduate in four years. A student’s rank in his or her high school graduating class is a comparatively

strong indicator of the student’s likelihood of graduating in four years.

Yet the data also shows that students who are in the top 2 to 5 percent of their high school graduating class have a lower chance of graduating in four years than students who are in the top 5 to 7 percent of their graduating class in three of the four models. While correlation and statistical significance need to be taken into account, this does open the possibility of the very top students at the University falling into the “slacker” class.

Additionally, at a town hall meeting hosted by the Undergraduate Business Council last semester, Tom Gilliean, dean of the McCombs School of Business, said the students with the lowest four-year graduation rates among undergraduates at the business school are business honors students, a group whose freshmen this year graduated in the top 1.8 percent of their high school classes and scored an average of 1472 on their SATs.

On an individual level, when was the last time a Student Government president graduated in four years? The representative elected to be the face of the University usually has to dedicate at least three semesters of lighter course schedules for their full-time endeavor. The same applies to athletes, whose consuming commitments to their scholarship-providers make graduating in four years difficult.

While there are many benefits of improving graduation rates for students, parents and the University alike, part of the push has to do with improving UT’s reputation and ranking. This falls into the long history of big, public universities transforming themselves to mimic the higher education world view of the small, private universities that sit at the top.

But rather than focusing so much on the inputs and outputs, the University’s challenge lies in redefining the process in between in a way that maximizes its size and its public status.

Graduation rates are important, but a narrow focus on them is the work of a slacker.

*Siddiqui is a finance and government junior.*

## THE FIRING LINE

### Election by fiat

The Election Supervisory Board has put student governance at UT in a fragile position for the next year. Disqualification of multiple candidates approaches election by fiat, something that is clearly and overwhelmingly counter to the values of democracy.

When we wrote the election code, disqualification was supposed to be a consequence for the gravest of trespasses. The missteps of the Yaman Desai campaign and the Madison Gardner campaign failed to meet that standard.

Unfortunately, the remaining executive tickets have failed to understand the depth of the problem.

Say for a moment that John Lawler wins (a likely proposition given his experience with University-wide elections). In that case, disqualification hurts the Lawler campaign most of all, as Lawler and his running mate Terrence Maas will never be seen with any sort of popular mandate.

I cannot attest to the actual likelihood of the Thor Lund and Wills Brown campaign winning, but truthfully, it doesn’t matter. The appearance is that the ESB has picked next year’s student body president, a perception that will only be dispelled if Lawler loses or if turnout is higher than last year’s.

Speaking of turnout, presidential tickets drive it. More people will vote in competitive elections — for all the positions on the ballot. With two candidates out, and consequently a major segment of the student body feeling disenfranchised, there will be lower turnout overall.

Lower turnout means less scrutiny of down-ballot candidates and, further, less transparency all year long on issues students care about, such

as tuition or the impending 2013 legislative session.

There is one probable benefit to the likely low turnout: a significantly lower signature threshold for a referendum to repair the ESB and the election code so that the students — not un-elected appointees — pick their leaders.

*John Woods*  
Former SG graduate school representative

### A black-and-white issue

The proper response to Madison Gardner and Antonio Guevara’s disqualification would have been to lobby Student Government to change the election code. Having already broken the code, they were subject to its penalties. No great scandal to deny the two justice can be found; the elected and appointed individuals involved in this case ultimately decided on this outcome.

The code was ultimately enacted by the vote of a larger group of people, and the Election Supervisory Board has the duty to follow what it says. Most importantly, the text of the election code was violated. It is a simple, black-and-white issue.

I would be very surprised to hear that the Election Supervisory Board made this decision without consulting with either of their advisers, Dean of Students Soncia Reagins-Lilly and her deputy Melinda Sutton. If there truly was a violation of the U.S. Constitution in enforcing this code, I would be very surprised if it somehow escaped the notice of these experienced professionals while being extremely apparent to a group of undergraduate students.

*Kev Kitchens*  
Computer science sophomore



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# Santorum’s conservatism hooks Texas Republicans

**By Rachel Thompson**  
**Daily Texan Staff**

Rick Santorum fared better than other Republican candidates by a significant margin in a recent UT and Texas Tribune poll.

The data was collected from Feb. 8 to 15 in the midst of the in- creasing media attention Santo- rum received during and prior to that time, said government profes- sor James Hansen.

“The timing of the poll was quite good for Santorum,” Hansen said. “He was receiving a lot of media attention because of his success in other states and be- fore the campaigns of his rivals started hit- ting back. It proba- bly helped push those numbers up a bit.”

Despite other fac- tors playing into the poll, Santorum’s pop- ularity isn’t all that surprising, Hansen said.

“He’s emerged as a socially con- servative candidate, and those candidates tend to run very well among Texans in the Republican primary,” he said. “While there’s things about Santorum that don’t fit the Texas culture exactly right, a conservative with Santorum’s pro- file is going to run well.”

Mitt Romney has not had con- sistency in Texas thus far, but the results of the Texas primary are tough to predict from a poll tak- en this early, Hansen said. The date of the Texas primary is not yet set because of conflict over district lines, but it will likely take place in late May.

“If you look at the history of this



**Rick Santorum**  
GOP presidential candidate

John Amis | Associated Press

race and you look at competitive primary races, any individual poll is a snapshot at a given moment,” he said. “This race has been particularly volatile and I suspect we will see some movement. There’s still a lot of water to pass under the bridge.”

College Republicans at Texas president Cassie Wright said she believes the results are subject to change.

“The atmosphere of the Repub- lican party is an ex- citing one, and Santo- rum’s recent success in Texas polls is indica- tive of the general so- cial conservatism of Texans,” Wright said. “However, as the Re- publican front-runner seems to change on a weekly basis, there is a good chance we will see different results in the future.”

While the results of the poll have not yet been broken down by age, Hansen said there are generally low num- bers of students participating in the Republican primary electorate.

“We’ve seen some increase in interest in Republican politics on campus but we don’t have a lot to go on,” he said. “There is always a group of politically engaged college students, but by and large, the 18- to 24-year-old group has had low turnout historically.”

Undeclared freshman Meredith Englehart said she feels it’s impor- tant to vote in the primaries.

“I know elections aren’t the only way you can be political- ly active, but I think it’s pret- ty important to get your voice out there somehow,” she said.



Gabriella Belzer | Daily Texan Staff

Students enjoy a free cycling class at the RecSports Center, Monday afternoon. University Health Services and RecSports have teamed up to offer free TeXercise and cycling classes all week to demonstrate the important role exercise plays in maintaining a healthy mental outlook.

## Love Your Body hosts jean drive, free classes

**By Sylvia Butanda**  
**Daily Texan Staff**

Barbie and Ken stood on display at Gregory Gym Plaza Monday to show students how mainstream media and pop culture influence an unrealistic body image for men and women.

National Love Your Body Week kicked off its first event by displaying life-size versions of the toy dolls with the purpose of encouraging students to think critically about and challenge the “ideal body image” portrayed in the media, said Susan Hochman, University Health Services manager. Love Your Body Week consists of daily planned events focusing on helping students discover what a healthy and positive body image consists of.

Barbie and Ken made their ap- pearance at the “Love Your Genes” campaign, the first event of the week, which encouraged students to donate “skinny jeans” they have lying around that might represent an unrealistic ideal for their body type. The campaign will continue taking jeans donations at Gregory Gym Plaza today and Wednesday and in the West Mall on Thursday and Friday.

During the events, UHS nutrition peer educators will be distributing positive messages about ways to love your body at workshops Wednesday and Thursday, Hochman said.

“The peer educators will address the influences that shape body image, the cost of poor body image and methods for overcoming nega- tive body image,” she said.

Love Your Body Week coin- cides with National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, which is an op- portunity to bring light to the eat- ing disorder issue on campus, said nutrition senior Megan Destefano, UHS nutrition peer educator.

“We want people to accept their bodies and realize it’s okay to be who you are and how you were made,” Destefano said. “We want people to understand that bodies come in different shapes and sizes and that’s perfectly fine.”

Hochman said Love Your Body Week is also an opportunity to pro- mote the campus resources and ser- vices at UHS that are available to students who may be struggling with poor body image or who are concerned about a friend.

Nutrition senior Samantha Partida, president of the Nutrition and Wellness Association, said Love Your Body Week is an opportunity to raise health awareness.

“Most people don’t know when they’re treating their body poorly or when they aren’t taking the right approach [to becoming healthi- er],” Partida said. “It’s really more about being healthy and accepting who you are first before you make any changes.”

Hochman said UHS and Rec- Sports also teamed up to offer free TeXercise and Cycling classes throughout the week to promote the joyful movement initiative.

“We want to encourage students to engage in physical activity for reasons of having fun or staying healthy rather than attempting to achieve an unrealistic body image,” Hochman said.

Nutrition senior Victoria Carras- co, a UHS nutrition peer educator, supervised the free group cycling class Monday at the Recreational Sports Center.

“A lot of people think exercise can be boring, depending on what you do, so we want to help students find something that they like to do and help them keep up the healthy be- havior,” Carrasco said.

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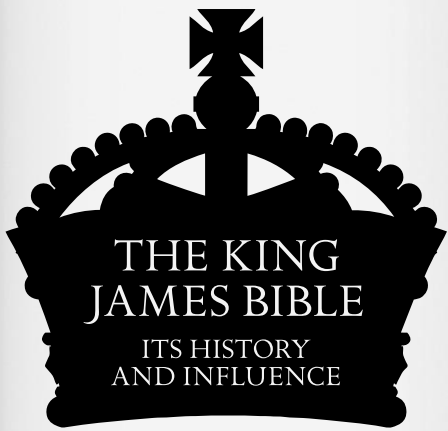


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Members of the 2012 Texas 4000 team pause for a moment of silence to commemorate the death of teammate Ruel Bobet. Bobet died Saturday after fighting stomach cancer for 10 months.

Shannon Kintner  
Daily Texan Staff

## Texas 4000 organization honors former student, member after his death

Students gathered Monday evening to share stories and honor the life of former student Ruel Bobet, who died Saturday.

Bobet, 21, fought a 10-month battle with stomach cancer before entering hospice last week. A member of the 2012 Texas 4000 for Cancer team, Bobet was remembered by his teammates for his selfless and vibrant character. He joined the team before he was diagnosed as a way to honor his father, who is

battling cancer.

The student organization, Texas 4000, annually cycles two separate routes from Austin to Anchorage, Alaska to raise "hope, knowledge and charity" for cancer research.

"He will be with us, on both routes, this summer," said Texas 4000 rider Taylor Foreman, an anthropology senior. "Our fight this summer ... is personal."

For three hours, fellow teammates, alumni and chairmembers

laughed and cried while recounting their memories with Bobet. Stories included his off-the-wall jokes, hour-long, life-changing conversations and how he wanted to be a "professional volunteer" later in life.

"This is a comma, not a full stop," read one teammate, quoting a blog post written by Bobet after his diagnosis. The phrase has resonated within the team as a reminder to keep fighting "the impossible."

The night ended with a ride ded-

ication in front of the Tower. In a circle that covered the entire plaza, each member said they rode for Ruel, and then paused for a 21-second silence, commemorating his 21 years of life.

"I keep thinking of what his dad said, to not think about the [years] not had, but the ones he did have," said teammate Omar Ghani, a business senior, recalling a visit to Bobet's house Saturday.

— Shannon Kintner

## Documents confirm cause of firing

By Sarah White  
Daily Texan Staff

President William Powers Jr. fired a senior UT Department of Athletics official on the basis of a sexual harassment complaint, according to University documents that surfaced last week.

Powers wrote a letter to Cleve Bryant, associate athletics director for football operations, informing him of his employment termination on March 23, 2011, according to an investigation summary released to the public under the Tex-

as Public Information Act. The University did not previously release the official cause of Bryant's termination, although it came in the aftermath of a sexual harassment suit.

An employee complained to UT administrative personnel in August of 2010 that Bryant had sexually harassed her verbally and sent her inappropriate text messages. She also alleged that Bryant had sexually harassed her physically in July 2010. The employee filed a formal written complaint Oct. 5, 2011, and her allegations were investigated by University officials.

Bryant denied her allegations then and has maintained that he did not sexually harass any employee, said his attorney Thomas Nesbitt. According to the investigation summary, Bryant appealed his termination decision to Steven Leslie, executive vice president and provost. A full evidentiary hearing was conducted on Aug. 17-18, 2011 and Leslie upheld Bryant's termination.

In January 2011, the University negotiated a \$400,000 settlement with the employee who made the complaint. In return, she released the University and all UT officers and employees from all

legal responsibility.

Patricia Ohlendorf, vice president for legal affairs, said she cannot comment on the specifics of the case because it is University policy to not publicly discuss sensitive personal matters.

"I can reiterate that the University does not tolerate sexual harassment in any form and we have a strong policy that prohibits it," Ohlendorf said. "The University began investigating the allegations as soon as we learned about them and took appropriate action."



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NFL COMBINE

# Four could be NFL-bound

Editor's Note: Four Longhorns — Fozzy Whittaker, Kheeston Randall, Emmanuel Acho and Keenan Robinson — participated in the NFL Combine in Indianapolis this week. Texas will hold its Pro Day March 20.

BY LAUREN GIUDICE

## Robinson's athleticism helping his draft stock, combine performance

Keenan Robinson is an aggressive linebacker who can hit hard. He finished this season with 96 tackles, eight of them for a loss, two interceptions and two sacks. A three-year starter at inside linebacker, Robinson redshirted his freshman year and played in 51 games for the Longhorns while making 39 starts.

When the Longhorns struggled in 2010, he became the leader of the defense and led the team with 113 tackles. No other member of the team had more than 90 that season. He is likely a fourth or fifth round prospect and thrives in a 4-3 defense.

At the combine, Robinson had the sixth-highest amount of reps in the bench press out of 29 linebackers with 27. In addition, he performed well in the vertical jump with a distance of 35.5 inches. His jump was tied with fellow Texas linebacker Emmanuel Acho and West Virginia's Najee Goode for 11th amongst linebackers.

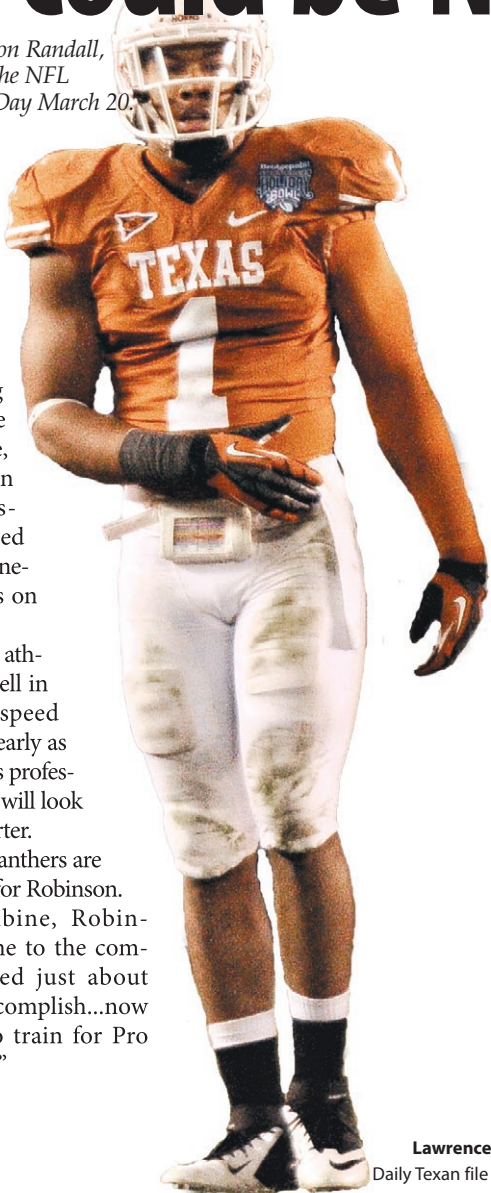
At 6-foot-3 and 242 pounds, Rob-

inson is quick off the snap and is impressive when chasing down ball-carriers. But, according to his player profile from the Combine, "He struggles when rushing the passer and looks stunned when an offensive lineman gets his hands on him."

Robinson has the athletic ability to do well in the NFL, but his speed will not help him nearly as much when he plays professionally. NFL teams will look for him to play smarter.

The Eagles and Panthers are potential prospects for Robinson.

After the combine, Robinson tweeted, "Came to the combine...accomplished just about all I wanted to accomplish...now its back to Cali to train for Pro Day... #NoQuestion."



Lawrence Peart  
Daily Texan file photo

**Keenan Robinson**  
Line Backer

## Dynamic kick returner limited to bench press, interviews as Whittaker recovers from surgery

In his five years at Texas, running back Fozzy Whittaker played in 38 games and started in 18. During his college career, he carried the ball 263 times for 1,233 yards and 12 touchdowns. In addition, he had 73 receptions for 464 yards.

He was a kickoff return specialist and holds a school record with two touchdowns, both coming in consecutive contests last season and both going for a school record 100 yards.

Whittaker's senior season ended early as he suffered a knee injury while playing against Missouri. But he still led the team with nine total touchdowns scored.

Despite his injury, Whittaker was invited to the NFL Combine. He did not participate in any of the workouts except for the bench press, in which he had 20 reps. Whittaker also did interviews.

Although Whittaker had an impressive career as a running back and as kickoff returner, his skills in the Wild formation have left an impression on Texas.

"I heard Bryan [Harsin] say, probably two weeks before Fozzy got hurt, 'I've never seen anybody do this [the wild formation] as good as Fozzy Whittaker.' He's just a natural for it," said head coach Mack Brown during a press conference last week.

It is expected that Whittaker, who is 5-foot-10 and 202 pounds, will be drafted around the sixth round.

Although he is small, he is explosive and has good vision. But, according to the NFL Combine analysis, Whittaker struggles to move laterally. In addition, his injury will definitely be a concern for teams considering drafting him.



**Fozzy Whittaker**  
Running Back

Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan file photo



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**Kheeston Randall**  
Defensive Tackle

## Randall made significant strides as senior, could be hurt by lack of playing time in passing downs

Kheeston Randall trained for the combine in Scottsdale, Ariz. — about 45 minutes from where Emmanuel Acho trained. The teammates saw each other frequently and both were vital leaders for the defense this season and aim to be drafted early come April.

"You [have] probably never seen a guy improve more than Kheeston Randall," said head coach Mack Brown. "He really improved a lot for us."

During his career at Texas, Randall played in 47 games and started 35. He had 98 tackles and four sacks. His senior year, he started all 13 games at defensive tackle and was an All-Big

12 second team selection. During Randall's final season for Texas, he had 34 tackles, five of them for loss.

At the NFL Combine, Randall had a vertical jump of 34 inches — which tied him for 11th-best overall among defensive linemen. His five-second 40-yard dash was also impressive.

At 6-foot-5, 293 pounds, Randall played the nose tackle position for the Longhorns, but was rarely used in passing situations. He has strong instincts and hands, but Randall's lack of playing during passing downs could negatively affect him come time for the NFL Draft. In addition, he is not very explosive — which could also hurt him.

According to the NFL combine analysis, "Not only is he usually pulled out of the game for obvious passing situations, but he is ineffective when he does get his chance, as he is purely a run defender and will almost give up on passing downs."

The Washington Redskins could be a good option for Randall, who will probably be a fifth or sixth round pick.

## Guided by older brother's advice, Acho hoping strong intangibles propel him to top off NFL executive's draft boards

Just a year ago, Emmanuel Acho was watching his brother participate in the NFL Combine. Former Longhorn Sam Acho was drafted in the fourth round by the Arizona Cardinals and now his little brother is attempting to make a good impression on professional scouts over the weekend.

Standing at 6-foot-1 and weighing

238 lbs, Emanuel Acho is a very physical player who played in 48 games and started 26 while at Texas. Acho has been working out in Arizona in preparation for the combine.

Acho interviewed well, displaying his strong character. In addition, his academic accolades may help him when it comes to the draft. A three-time first-

team Academic All-Big 12 selection, Acho graduated in December with a degree in sports management.

He showed his physical strength by benching 24 reps of 225 pounds on the bench press, putting him tied for 11th out of 29 among linebackers.

Acho is a very versatile linebacker and has the ability to play in the 3-4 or

4-3 defenses. He ran the 40-yard dash in 4.73 seconds — a time that was 14th-best amongst linebackers. His 35.5 inch vertical leap was 11th-best among linebackers and his 118 inch broad jump was 14th-best.

He said his older brother, who made 40 tackles and forced four fumbles as a rookie, helped him prepare before

the combine.

"He told me everything," Acho said. "I got the answers to the test before I have to take it. He's told me everything I need to know."

Acho will likely be a third or fourth round pick and will probably play outside linebacker in the NFL.

FOOTBALL

# Highly productive tailback Hicks doesn't mind crowded backfield

By Lauren Giudice  
Daily Texan Staff

Ever since Kyle Hicks was young, he has been a fan of the Texas Longhorns. Now, he has made the decision to become one.

Hicks, a junior running back from Arlington Martin High School committed to Texas Feb. 18 after visiting campus on the first junior day held by

the Longhorns the previous weekend. He became Texas' fifth commit.

"I made my decision based on where my heart was," Hicks said. "And I really liked UT and my heart was there. It felt like home there."

As a junior, Hicks rushed 217 times for 1,667 yards and 26 touchdowns. But when he arrives in Austin, he will join an impressive group of backs that includes Malcolm Brown, Joe

Bergeron and Johnathan Gray.

But that competition does not concern him. In fact, he is happy about it.

"I love the competition," Hicks said. "People always ask me 'What are you doing? They already have good running backs.' But you know what? I don't care. I love competition."

**HICKS** continues on **PAGE 8**



Photo courtesy of Kyle Hicks

Arlington Martin running back Kyle Hicks became the fifth high school junior to pledge to play for Texas earlier this month. Hicks averaged nearly eight yards per carry and scored 26 touchdowns last year.

BASEBALL

## Texas looks to end skid

By Chris Hummer  
Daily Texan Staff

After a 7-5 loss to UT-Arlington last Tuesday, head coach Augie Garrido was asked if his team was ready to play Stanford — his response was a no-nonsense "No".

Unfortunately for Texas, Garrido was right. The Longhorns were shellacked over the three game series, as the Cardinals outscored Texas 28-5 in

a sweep. The series loss was capped off by a 15-1 beatdown on Sunday, in which Texas gave up 13 runs in the fourth inning, only eight runs short of the NCAA record for most runs allowed in an inning.

That type of inning and series is not the type of mentally tough baseball that this team prides itself upon playing, and a change in attitude will be

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## TWEET OF THE DAY



**Manny Diaz**  
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"Ricky Bobby is running around Daytona in his underwear."

## SPORTS BRIEFLY

### Texas adds state's top offensive lineman prospect to 2013 class

Lake Highlands offensive tackle Kent Perkins became the 10th high school junior to verbally commit to Texas Monday afternoon after receiving a scholarship offer from the Longhorns this past weekend.

The 6-foot-5, 300-pound Perkins checked in at No. 25 in Rivals.com's Rivals250 and was listed as the country's second-best offensive lineman prospect in his class. Whitewright quarterback Tyrone Swoopes (No. 11) and Sealy receiver Ricky Seals-Jones (No. 13) are the only other Longhorns pledges rated higher than Perkins, who joins Celina offensive tackle Jake Raulerson as the two offensive linemen in Texas' 2013 recruiting class.

— Christian Corona

### Former Texas assistant Greg Davis to be Iowa offensive coordinator

Former Texas offensive coordinator Greg Davis has found a new home at Iowa after a year out of the game. Hawkeyes coach Kirk Ferentz announced Monday that Davis will be his new offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

He coached the likes of Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams and quarterbacks Vince Young and Colt McCoy, both Heisman finalists, and had five players earn Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year honors.

Texas won a pair of Big 12 championships and the 2005 BCS national championship with Davis on its staff.

— Luke Meredith, Associated Press

## Daytona 500 results

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10. Mark Martin

Sophomore right fielder Mark Payton, who leads Texas with a .346 batting average, four extra-base hits, and four RBI, is the only Longhorn hitting above .250 this season. Texas will try to end a five-game losing streak Tuesday against Houston Baptist.

Elisabeth Dillon  
Daily Texan Staff





MEN’S SWIMMING

33rd straight conference title proves Reese’s long-term approach paying off

By Elijah Perez  
Daily Texan Staff

Entering his 34th year at UT, men’s swimming and diving head coach Eddie Reese set the same two goals for his team he makes during every preseason: perform well at the NCAA championships and win a conference title. Over the weekend, coach Reese was able to cross the latter off of his checklist.

With the addition of this past week-ends Big 12 title, Reese has led his swimming and diving team to 33 consecutive conference titles, a streak going back to 1979 and the days of the Southwest Conference.

Though one season goal was met on Saturday, the year hasn’t been without its blemishes for the Longhorns. Reese points to an increased workload in preparation for the rigors of a season as presenting some of the difficulties the team has had to overcome.

“Being the training period before the Olympics, I’ve worked them harder, had more demanding workouts,” Reese said. “In swimming, that tends to make you go slow for a while.”

Indeed, the team slowed a bit early on in the season, suffering losses against No. 4 Michigan in November and against No. 1 Arizona in January. Reese acknowledges that while these losses were unfortunate, they can be attributed to differing team approaches between programs.

“All colleges run their seasons differently,” Reese said. “Some will prepare for dual meets more than others. We don’t. If you want to beat us, just swim us before

Feb. 1, because all we’re worried about is the end of the season.”

Coupled with this farsighted approach to the season, Reese acknowledges the leadership provided by upperclassmen on the squad as crucial for keeping the team on pace for a strong finish.

“You hear a lot of talk about team chemistry,” Reese said. “Coaches can’t really influence it a whole lot. Our team chemistry was good at the beginning and it’s been getting better ever since. Your upperclassmen are always the leaders in that respect.”

When asked if he found difficulties to keep the team motivated to live up to the expectations that a national reputation for excellence can create, Reese points to the team’s desire to prove doubters wrong as a motivating force.

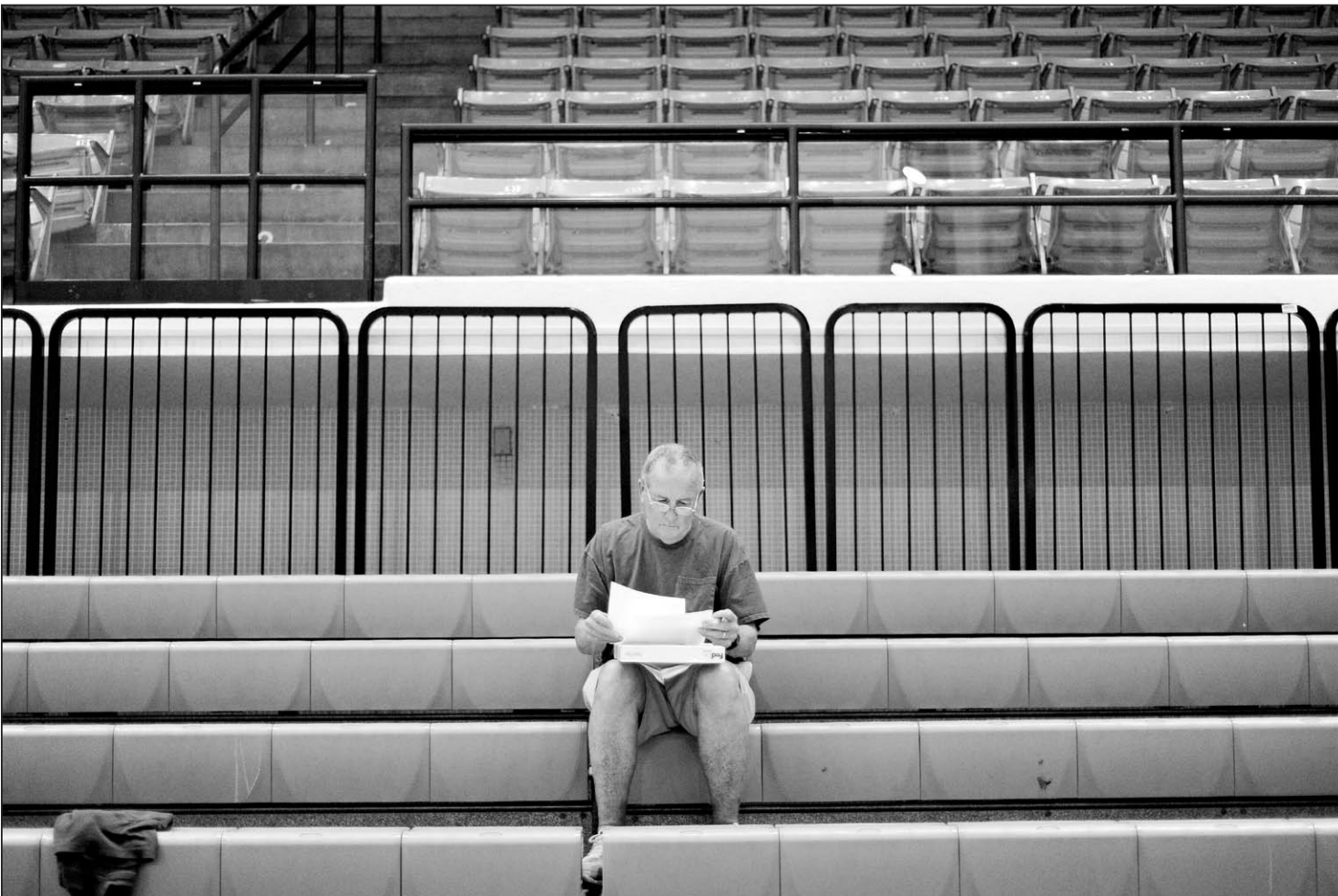
“We always want to do better than what we’re picked to do, and we’re pretty successful at that,” Reese said. “I think that’s just kind of the way the team is.”

As the Longhorns gear up for a run at their 11th national title, with the first 10 all coming during Reese’s tenure, the head coach feels confident in his squad, noting that the only thing they need to do to improve is to get more rest during this slower stretch in the season.

At the NCAA championships on March 23-25, opponents would be wise not to sleep on this Longhorn team.

“We’re really good,” Reese said. “We’ve kept it a secret, and we won’t keep it a secret then.”

The secret’s out. Reese’s season checklist is ready to be completed.



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Texas men’s swimming and diving head coach Eddie Reese has guided the Longhorns to 33 consecutive conference championships and 10 national titles since taking over the program in 1978. Reese has acknowledged that he has pushed his team harder than usual this season with the 2012 London Olympics coming soon but the approach, which contributed to a pair of early-season losses, has paid dividends towards his team’s postseason success.

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Hicks believes the running backs at UT will help him improve.

“Why not go where you know your teammates can make you better?” Hicks said. “They’re good and I can’t wait to play with them.”

Hicks also received offers from Texas A&M, TCU, Texas Tech, Notre Dame, Arkansas, San Diego State and Michigan. Among those, he seriously considered TCU, A&M and Arkansas. But he said he knew that the coaching program at Texas could make him the

best player he could be.

Martin head coach Bob Wager is impressed with Hicks’ ability on and off the field. He said Hicks is the epitome of a team player. Like Hicks, Wager believes the competition at back will help Hicks improve.

“He will be the first to tell you that he regards the current roster of backs as among the elite in the nation,” Wager said. “There was never anything in our discussions that made that a factor that he shied away from — quite

the opposite in fact. His goal is to play with the best teammates that he possibly can and compliment their talents to help the Longhorns win.”

Wager said he has great vision and balance. In addition, he is fast and strong. But he has more than just the athletic abilities to be successful.

“When you have the rare combination of your most talented player who is also your hardest worker, that’s the separating factor,” Wager said.

While at junior day, he talked to

various recruits Celina High School offensive lineman Jake Raulerson, Whitewright quarterback Tyrone Swoopes and Dallas Jesuit wide receiver Jake Oliver. He and Raulerson keep in touch every day. Hicks is excited to get to Austin and start playing with his future teammates.

“They can all play well and I like the way they play,” Hicks said.

He has developed a strong relationship with co-offensive coordinator Major Applewhite and co-re-

cruiting coordinator Bruce Chambers. Hicks and Applewhite talk frequently and the two have developed a great relationship.

This season, Hicks attended his first UT game when the Longhorns defeated Texas Tech. Hicks loved the stadium and the environment there.

“I took a picture at the game and it’s my screensaver on my phone,” Hicks said. “I just looked around and I couldn’t believe how many fans were there. I really liked it.”

He believes that the current team is very strong, but with the commits for the class of 2012 and his class, he thinks the team can win a Big 12 championship and potentially a national championship.

But Hicks will finish his high school career with the goal of winning a state championship.

“I know that I will become a great football player if I go play football there,” Hicks said.



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BASEBALL

# Expect Longhorns to improve as season progresses despite subpar start



By Christian Corona  
Daily Texan Columnist

Thankfully for Texas, the season is a long one.

The Longhorns, 2-5 through their first seven games, are off to their worst start in nearly 70 years, when World War II was near its end and gasoline cost just 21 cents per gallon.

Texas has lost five consecutive contests for the first time in more than a decade and was swept last weekend by Stanford, a team the Longhorns have scheduled a series with every season since 1998, for the first time in school history. The 13 runs Texas surrendered in the fourth inning of Sunday's 15-1 loss, the most lopsided affair in the Longhorns' 56 meetings with the Cardinal, is more runs than they allowed in any game during the last two seasons.

Believe it or not, Texas has started this year somewhat similarly to the way it began last season, which ended in a trip to the College World Series. Like in 2011, the Longhorns won all but one game against an ACC opponent (Duke) in their season-opening series and lost their first weekday game. The only difference is that instead of facing a mediocre opponent like the Hawaii team Texas squared off against in its second weekend series a year ago, the Longhorns ran into a stacked Stanford squad ranked No. 2 in the country.

For the Longhorns to bounce

back, they have to play better defense. They made two errors in each of their first four losses after committing multiple errors just six times in 53 regular season contests last year. Texas, who has been error-free in its two victories this season, also had defensive struggles at the beginning of the 2011 campaign. In their first 18 games, the Longhorns made at least one error in 14 of them, including a five-error showing against (guess who?) Stanford. But if last season — when the Longhorns had streaks of seven and 11 games without an error — is any indication, they'll make the necessary defensive adjustments.

Dropping three in a row to Stanford is not the end of the world. Texas became the second team ranked among the top 20 in the nation to get swept by the Cardinal this year as they began their season by winning three games against then-No. 10 Vanderbilt. Stanford starting pitcher Mark Appel, who blanked Texas through the first seven innings of Friday's game, is arguably the country's best college baseball player and the Cardinal could be the country's best team.

Not having Sam Stafford hurts. But sophomore hurler Nathan Thornhill, who has been thrust into the Friday starter spot, can grow into the role of reliable ace. Thornhill would have had a respectable outing last week had he been backed up by a decent defensive performance as half of the six runs he allowed were unearned. The Longhorns also still have one of the nation's top closers



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Sophomore third baseman Erich Weiss, who was hitting .619 with 6 RBI through seven games last season, has posted a .208 batting average this year as Texas has dropped each of its last five games. The Longhorns are batting .184 as a team.

in sophomore Corey Knebel.

The Texas hitters, who batted .143 in the series against Stanford, also have to do their part. Only sophomore right fielder Mark Payton has a batting average above .250 after the Longhorns featured six players who boasted a batting average better than .250 in 2011. Unlike last year's Texas team, this year's version won't get a batter out in the fourth inning before being pulled.

The Longhorns will need a much steadier performance from their starter tonight, which will most likely be senior Austin Dicharry. If he can give Texas five or six quality innings it would do wonders towards getting the team back into the win column.

The Huskies have scored six runs a game, so their of-

fense has the potential to cause Texas problems if Dicharry doesn't come out firing quality strikes.

However, the offense needs to do its share and pick up the slack.

After the Longhorns' tough series in Palo Alto, the team is hitting an abysmal .184, almost a full tenth of a point lower than what their opponents are hitting against

off to their worst start in nearly 70 years doesn't mean they'll have their worst season in almost seven decades. Texas has room to improve and it will.

them. Not exactly a formula for winning baseball.

Thankfully for Texas, it will not be facing a rotation full of future major leaguers as it did against Stanford. Instead, the Longhorns will be facing a Husky pitching staff that had a staff ERA of 6.07 in 2011, presenting the team a real opportunity to break out of its slump and to pick up their first win in six games.

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necessary for the previously No. 11 team in the country to turn its 2-5 start around.

This will start tonight against Houston Baptist (3-3), a team many would have overlooked before the season started. But af-

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# Nicki, Madonna sound stale, Usher impresses with single

By Chris Nguyen  
Daily Texan Staff  
Katy Perry "Part of Me"

Though her last single, "The One that Got Away," was eerily timed with the announcement of her split from Russell Brand and the tabloid speculation of her shock and sadness, it seems Perry has gotten way over it and released this break-up anthem, "Part of Me." She sings in her usually shrill vocals that he can "keep the wedding ring. In fact, you can keep everything (yeah, yeah) except me." Get it, girl.

Producer Dr. Luke doesn't stray from the formula that gives the duo five No. 1 singles (now six). In fact, you can hear parts of "California Gurls," "The One that Got Away" and "Teenage Dream" melded into this pop machine of a song. Insufferably reductive? Sure. Painfully addicting? You betcha.

Nicki Minaj "Starships"  
Before the release of Nicki Minaj's "Starships," the latest single off her yet-to-be-released *Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded*, you can assume the conversa-


tion between her and the record executives went similar to this: "While we appreciate the frank honesty of 'Stupid Hoe,' we'd love to hear another 'Super Bass.' So fun — and so successful! If you don't have any inspiration, take a listen to some LMFAO and Katy Perry."

Although "Stupid Hoe" was aggravating and annoying, at least it felt genuine. This mess, on the other hand, feels like Minaj turning into yet another alter ego: the record executive drone. The beats are stale, the lyrics cliché. Maybe "Super Bass" was a fluke, but at least preserve the pop sanctity of it by not trying to repeat it.


Usher "Climax"  
Knowing Usher's predilection for bedroom slow jams and the title of his latest single, "Climax," this song didn't appear to be anything more than R&B sexy-time jam. But Usher pulled a fast one on listeners and has somehow managed to stay ahead of the curve. A complete 180 degree turn from the Euro-trash of "OMG," "Climax" drenches itself in the slow, dubstep-inflicted synths

SINGLES REVIEWS


"Starships"  
Nicki Minaj  
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Album | Teenage Dream: The Complete Collection



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of James Blake and The Weeknd. It's a smart move for him, as the dance craze wanes down. However, more importantly, it works damn well. Usher's smooth falsetto, crooning for a lover to stay against the icy beats goes down like a good drink.

Madonna "Girl Gone Wild"  
Despite the huge hype of her Super Bowl performance and worldwide radio release that preceded Madonna's first single "Give Me All You Lovin'," the song has all but disappeared from consciousness after the Super Bowl. For an entertainer that thrives on cultural relevancy (in the best way possible), it was likely a

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KFC bucket and white plastic mask, an idea which Ozzy refused to indulge.

While the enigmatic Buckethead, who will be playing with That 1 Guy as the Frankenstein Brothers at La Zona Rosa this Saturday, has earned a reputation for the seriousness of his musicianship, his erratic behavior and bizarre persona have kept him from achieving the fame his playing deserves.

His sudden departure from Guns N' Roses in 2004 prompted a (surprisingly literate) press release from Axl Rose, who wrote that "[Buckethead's] transient lifestyle has made it impossible for even his closest friends to have nearly any form of communication with him whatsoever."

His official website, bucketheadland.com, is one of the few channels of communication with him still open. But his amusing online biography, narrated by "Bucketheadland historian" Ron L. Witherspoon, only adds to the mythology surrounding the man beneath the bucket.

A caveat posted below the bogus bio clues in any overly credulous fans: "Stories may be apocryphal, hypothetical, metaphorical or completely made up. Bucketheadland attempts to keep this attraction as close to current scientific

consensus as possible, within or without reason."

The scientific community, however, has yet to reach a consensus on several conspiracy theories regarding Buckethead's origins, such as whether he really grew up in a chicken coop and whether he is secretly the son of Colonel Sanders.

It's hard to know what to expect from a Buckethead concert, aside from the obvious (i.e., a guy in a bucket playing neuron-nuking guitar solos). Don't forget, even Ozzy Osbourne thinks he's out of his mind. In an interview with Revolver, Ozzy explained his reservations about hiring the mysterious musician. "What happens if one day he's gone and there's a note saying, 'I've been beamed up?'"

While the mystery of Buckethead may never be unraveled, there is one fact that fans agree on: The most insane thing about this otherworldly virtuoso is still his skill.

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time collaborator Channel 7, formerly 7 Aurelius.

Ja Rule fends for himself on this album: there is no all-star entourage providing braggadocio-laden tales of fame, or Murder Inc. cohorts craving a small guest feature (Ja Rule disbanded from the record label in 2009), just Ja Rule addressing anybody and everybody who doesn't believe he still has relevance.

Ja Rule can still write a street-love anthem like no other. On the club-banger "Black Vodka," Ja Rule compares his favorite thirst-quenching beverage to a lustful seductress. "She better go straight with no chaser," begins Ja Rule slyly, backed behind nightclub or-

CD REVIEW



Pain Is Love 2

Ja Rule

GENRE | Hip-Hop

IF YOU LIKE | DMX, Fat Joe

WEBSITE | <http://www.jarule.net/>

# Rap duo stays in comfort zone

By Elijah Watson  
Daily Texan Staff

Through their own breed of backpack rap, rap duo Chiddy Bang comes prepared with the tools necessary to graduate at the top of the hipster class. The subgenre backpack rap is known for its relatable lyrical content and use of unconventional song samples. Chiddy Bang is known for a slew of mixtapes packed with college-party-friendly narratives and accompanied by samples of the likes of MGMT, Sufjan Stevens and Passion Pit. Now, Chiddy Bang returns with their debut album *Breakfast*, a meal that is easily digested but leaves the listener unfulfilled because of its lack of progression.

What has always benefited Chiddy Bang is their quirky and unconventional approach to hip-hop. From their eclectic production to their humorous lyrics, the rap duo prefers to be class clown rhymers over gun-toting gangbangers. The title track reinforces as such: "Get the Based God / call Ellen on 'em," says vocalist Chidera "Chiddy" Anamege, his punchline a quick chuckle to listeners that catch his reference to alternative rapper Lil B.

Lead single "Mind Your Manners" begins with arena-sized vocals and acoustic guitar, reminding listeners of why the duo can hold their own at the world's largest festivals. "Take a second look and you'll see / there is no one like me," sings guest vocalist Icona Pop, with spurts of Passion Pit-inspired synths and electronic percussion following behind.

Although there may not be any depth to Chiddy Bang's narratives, they're easy to relate to; Jones doesn't rely too much on hip hop clichés (money, weed, drugs and women), and even when he does, it's not as hyperbolic as the luxurious lifestyle lyrics of his contemporaries.

What has always been a pivotal component of Chiddy Bang's mu-

CD REVIEW



Breakfast

Chiddy Bang

GENRE | Alternative hip hop

IF YOU LIKE | Theophilus London, The Cool Kids

WEBSITE | <http://chidzybanga.net/>

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moment she arrives at the bakery at 5 a.m. to noon when her shift ends, Finley is whipping up frosting, stirring cake batter and weaving pie crusts nonstop. Getting up early every morning is hard for Finley, but everything is made the day it is sold.

"It's worth it," O'Neal said. "You can definitely taste the difference."

And the truth to that statement is proven by the number of custom-

ers that come in on a typical Saturday morning. Before the neon open sign can even be illuminated at 11 a.m., a customer is waiting outside to come in. Within 15 minutes, more than 10 customers have come into Sugar Mama's to test out the cupcakes they have been hearing about from their friends.

So next time your sweet tooth is acting up, give Finley a visit at Sugar Mama's Bakeshop. She's probably in the kitchen shying away from customers, but if you ask for her, she's sure to say a quick hello before heading back to make another batch of sugary treats.

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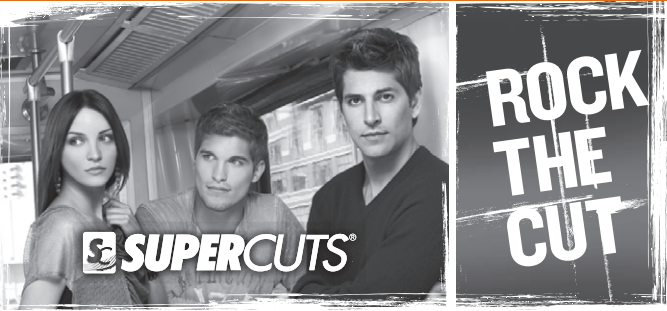
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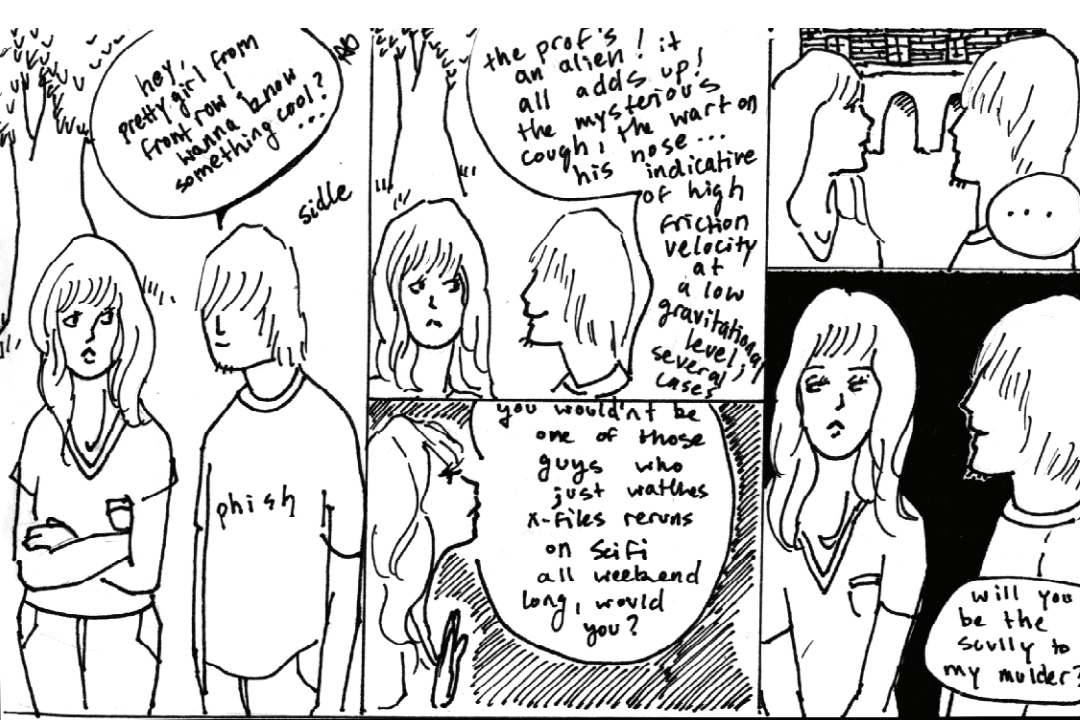
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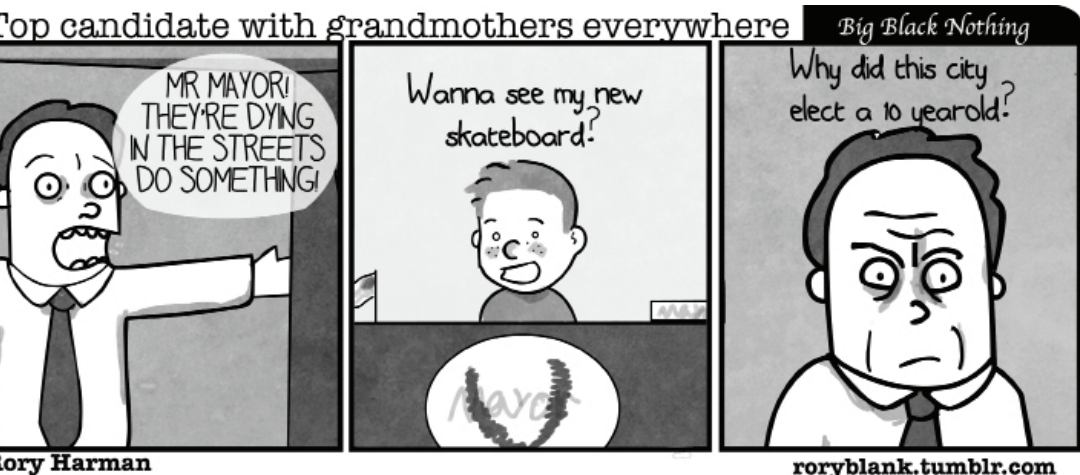
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39 "That is to say ..."

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45 One who saves the day

46 Lose it

47 Puts back to zero, say

50 Displays appetite, in a way

54 Wheels' connector

55 Cornerstone of the American legal system

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62 Had a bite

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64 Slangy turndowns

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66 Show contrition

67 "Hey, sailor!"

68 Give a go

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12 "There you have it!"

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# Independent Music Festival, Buckethead top weekend picks

Editor's note: This is a weekly series showcasing the best live music of the coming week.



## TEXAS INDEPENDENT MUSIC FESTIVAL

event details  
DATE | March 3 - March 4  
TIME | 12:00PM - 5:00PM  
LOCATION | The Cotton Gin, Maxwell, TX  
TICKETS | \$20-\$35 for one day, \$40-\$50 for the weekend

**Texas Independence Festival 2012**  
In Austin, music festivals mean big crowds, big names and nightmarish traffic. Expect the opposite in nearby Maxwell, the site of this year's Texas Independence Festival, whose lineup is about as well-known as Maxwell is populous (not very). Every year, Texans tote their camping and barbecue gear to Independence Fest for a three-day-long celebration of their shared heritage.  
If you want a preview of this weekend's musical festivities — perhaps you're not as excited about the festival's Zombicross races and custom car show — don't bother checking Spotify. You're better off hitting up the bands' individual websites, most of which are fairly navigable.  
A recommendation: If you

enjoy punishingly loud Southern-fried metal, check out San Antonio's Upon A Burning Body, one of this Saturday's headliners.

**Buckethead**  
For a heavy metal guitarist, a long-term gig with Ozzy Osbourne's band is just about the best job in the world. It's hard to believe someone turned it down for a bucket of fried chicken. But even this baffling decision is par for course in the inscrutable career of Buckethead, a world-class guitarist whose devotion to his instrument is only matched by his dedication to his gimmick: donning an upside-down

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Wes Haynie | Daily Texan Staff

# sweet escape



Marisa Vasquez | Daily Texan Staff

Carla Finley has been working at Sugar Mama's Bakeshop, located on South First Street, for over three years and has prior baking experience from a high school job. The shop recently acquired the space next door and has plans to expand its offerings in the near future.

## Former student whips up sweet concoctions at Sugar Mama's Bakeshop

By Jessica Lee  
Daily Texan Staff

The air inside of Sugar Mama's Bakeshop smells sweet. Carla Finley emerges from the kitchen with a smile on her face, covered head to toe in flour and cake batter.  
Five days a week, Finley wakes up before sunrise. While the rest of Austin sleeps, Finley bakes cupcakes and mini pies in the Sugar Mama's kitchen. The bakeshop has a 1950s feel. Aprons with appliques line one of the walls, a retro refrigerator sits in the corner and the black and white checkered tiles shine after being freshly mopped.  
After graduating from UT in December with a degree in American Studies, Finley found herself in need of a full-time job. She had been working the counter at Sugar Mama's since September 2008 and when a spot opened

up for a full-time baker, Finley took it.  
The transition from manning the counter to baking in the back was an easy one for Finley.  
"I had a baking job when I was in high school, so I've been doing it for awhile," she said. "I really prefer working in the back because there is this progression. You start somewhere and you see the end product."  
That end product is on display in the front of the bakeshop. An assortment of cupcakes with silly names dominates the display shelf. The Marilyn Monroe, a vanilla cupcake topped with bourbon vanilla icing, and the Southern Belle, a red velvet cupcake with cream cheese frosting, are just a few of their many flavors. Finley's personal favorite, the Frida cupcake, is a cinnamon chocolate cake with Kahlua-flavored icing.  
Finley's close friend, audiology senior Brittany Post, has high hopes for

Finley's future.  
"Carla is unique, creative and always pushing boundaries, and I believe that definitely translates into her baking," Post said. "She's been at Sugar Mama's for a couple years now so you know she adores that place like it's her own, but I'm really excited to see where she ends up. I can definitely see her owning her own bakery some day and being known for serving up the most awesome cupcakes."  
Owner Olivia O'Neal opened Sugar Mama's four years ago because she was interested in owning her own business and loved to bake. At the time, the First Street location was relatively bare. In the last couple of years, it has since grown into a hip area with a number of small local businesses.  
"It's been fun to watch Carla grow and to see her passion for baking develop," O'Neal said. "She has a lot of fun

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# Tunes day

## Ja Rule reemerges with impressive album

By Elijah Watson  
Daily Texan Staff

"It ain't even a question how my dough flows," stated Ja Rule on Jay-Z's 1998 hit single, "Can I Get A..." During the late '90s and early 2000s, it seemed foolish not to feature Ja Rule on a hip-hop track; his distinguishing half-rapped, half-sung vocal delivery was often the formula for mainstream hip-hop success.  
Since then, Ja Rule's rise to fame has unfortunately preceded a fall from grace;

the rapper became overshadowed by the likes of rivals 50 Cent, Eminem and DMX, resulting in a hiatus and a hold on the rapper's latest release, Pain Is Love 2, the sequel to 2001's Pain Is Love. Although the artist is currently serving a two-year jail sentence for weapons possession, his highly-anticipated comeback album is impressive; a reclusive and moody release centered around one crucial theme: "Fuck fame."  
"So I took a little pill / and it changed

my whole world / changed my point of view, so I had to take two," begins album-opener "Intro." In between the hazy, dance-driven handclaps and percussion, Ja Rule's distorted raps loom in the background, his search for redemption lost in a hip-hop tri-fecta of success, drugs and women.  
"Real Life Fantasy" anticipates any skepticism of the rapper's technique; accompanied by a sample of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody," Ja Rule's



John Smith | Daily Texan Staff / Associated Press

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rasp has only become more refined with age.  
The rapper's cynicism toward success comes off as abrasive and intimidating; it's refreshing to hear the art-

ist intricately deliver reflective narratives that are sheltered by the atmospheric and lush production of long-

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## BASEMENT TAPES

### Basement Tapes: The Bipolar Bears

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